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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: Dr. Liliana Di Nola-Baron

In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicants : Takahide KASAI et al.

Appln. No. : 09/514,312

Filed : February 28, 2000

For : COATING AGENT, COATED
PRODUCT, AND METHOD OF
COATING A MATERIAL (As amended)

Atty. Dkt. : 31671-157328

**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

January 2, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

A Request For Continued Examination was filed on September 21, 2001, along with the required fees, i.e., a filing fee of \$710.00 and a third extension fee of \$890.00.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to amend the pending claims and address issues raised during a personal interview with the Examiner, Dr. Liliana Di Nola-Baron, and Primary Examiner, Dr. Gollamundi S. Kishore, conducted March 15, 2001.

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the Application as follows.

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